IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:	Stephane F. Rouanet *et al.*	Confirmation No:	3544
Application No:	10/679,235	Group:	3751
Filed:	October 3, 2003	Examiner:	Huynh, Khoa D.
For:	Method and Apparatus for Filling a Vessel with Particulate Matter		

Customer No.:

Attorney Docket No.	03031

REPLY UNDER RULE 111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the pending Office Action that was mailed on January 2, 2008 (Paper No. 20071226).

The present claims are set forth in the Listing of Claims section.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth in the Remarks section.

A two-month extension is requested for this response.